IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Daniel GOURDAIN et al.

Serial No. (unknown)

Filed herewith

INSTALLATION AND METHOD OF VENTING THE WASTE GASES OF AIR DISTILLATION OR LIQUEFACTION UNITS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 3 as follows:

--3. (Amended) Installation according to Claim 1, characterized in that the discharge chamber (13) is a chamber forming part of a water-nitrogen tower (1).-
Amend claim 4 as follows:

--4. (Amended) Installation according to claim 1, characterized in that the inert gas is nitrogen, argon, air or a mixture of these gases.--

Amend claim 5 as follows:

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